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STEPHEN SALISBURY, CLASS OF 1817.

In the collection of the manuscripts of the Salisbury family, which has come into the possession of the Society, is one series of letters which are of especial interest as showing in some measure the college life and customs at Harvard a century ago:—the correspondence between the second Stephen Salisbury and his parents during his college course, from 1813 to 1817.

After two years of preparation at Leicester Academy, Stephen Salisbury entered college in the fall of 1813, when he was fifteen years old.

There was a little group of six buildings at Harvard at that time:—Harvard Hall, containing the college library of 15,000 volumes; Holden Chapel; and the four dormitories, Massachusetts, Hollis, Stoughton and Holworthy, the latter built in 1812, from the proceeds of a lottery. University Hall, completed in 1814, contained four dining halls for the college commons on the ground floor, with two kitchens beneath, six lecture rooms on the second floor, and a chapel above.

In the faculty were thirteen professors, including those of medicine and divinity; four tutors, of whom Edward Everett was one; and an instructor in rhetoric and oratory, and one in French. There were also thirteen resident graduates. Of the 301 undergraduates, 86 were in the freshman class, which numbered among its members George Bancroft, Caleb Cushing, Samuel A. Eliot, George B. Emerson, Samuel J. May and Stephen H. Tyng.

There was little of college life as we know it now. The diversity of outside interests and amusements of the present day was wanting; and the students were kept under as strict surveillance by the authorities as they are now in most of the preparatory schools. Organized athletics and games were unknown, and the chief forms of exercise were walking and riding. An item in young Salisbury's accounts in his freshman year shows that he paid six cents for a football; and his father writes "Your Scates shall be sent you but you must not skate on any Ponds or Rivers nor neglect your studies for any Amusements"; while his mother implores him to skip rope in his room when it is too stormy to take his customary walk. In his junior year he belonged to the college military company, and took lessons in dancing.

There is no mention of his being a member of any society, nor does he appear to have mixed much with the other students nor to have had many intimate friends. He lived outside the college, at Captain Luther Dana's, where were four of his classmates:—George Bancroft, with whom he roomed, John L. Payson, Joseph Ray and Samuel Soley, and one sophomore, Charles Hammond.

There are nearly three hundred letters in the collection. As the following extracts show, they dealt largely with his daily routine life, his studies and his health. He was as much under the influence and control of his parents as if he had lived at home. His dress was prescribed, his actions and conduct determined and an accurate account of all his expenses required.

In reading these family letters, it should be borne in mind, not only that college discipline and methods have greatly changed, but also that this college student was a boy of but fifteen years, who had practically never been away from home before. That he was not lavishly supplied with spending money, and that he was held strictly to account for every penny, are indications not of parsimony but of thrift, and a purpose that he should learn frugality and exactness in all money matters. There is abundant evidence (to cite but a single illustration, in the bills for his

commencement dinner, at the end of this paper) that upon occasion money was liberally supplied.

The first letters are from Leicester, and relate to his entrance examinations at Cambridge.

Leicester July 17th 1813

Dear Mother

Will you please to send me my Greek Majora (not Minora) (which I believe you can get at M^r Trumbull's), and my atlass and the second volume of Websters mathematics which I left in the book closet I think last monday, which was the second day I wore them, I burst my silk pantaloons on each side of the seat, in runing; and therefore I have sent them home. I saw Uncle William in the stage the other day. give my duty to my Father and love to my friends.

Your dutifull Son S Salisbury jr

Leicester August 1813

Dear Mother

I delayed writing to you, because I expected to be examined by M^r Nurse this afternoon, in the books which are required at college,¹ but as he is gone away this afternoon, it will be put off till monday; M^r Clark and M^r Nurse both think I can enter. I should like to come home a week from next saturday, which is the week before exhibition. M^r Clark says I fail the most in writing latin, because I have not atended to it before, but by a little practise I shall get so as to write well. I sent my vest in a silk pockethandkercheif by M^r Stearns. give my duty to father. I remain your

dutifull Son

Stephen Salisbury J^r

¹ *Terms of admission to the Freshman or Lowest Class.*—

Every person admitted, must be thoroughly acquainted with the Grammar of the Latin and Greek languages, and with the following books, viz. Dalzel's Collectanea Graeca Minora, the Græek Testament, Virgil, Sallust, Cicero's Select Orations, and with the following rules of Arithmetic, viz. Notation, Simple and Compound Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division, Reduction, and the Single Rule of Three. He must be able to translate English into Latin correctly.

In 1815. — Ancient and Modern Geography. And in 1816. — The whole of Arithmetic will be required in the addition to above.

Dear Stephen

Worcester Oct^r 14 1813

I have sent you this day by M^r Paul Gates the Sulkey Bagg Cont^g a Bagg with 5 Vol^s Millet History – and the Art of Speaking – a Box of Wafers & a Bundle of Stockings – Also your Hatt—

When ever you send up your Clothes or any thing else you will first put them in the inside Bagg & Tye that Bagg up & put them into the Sulkey Bagg Remembering to tye up the Strings & Buckle every Strap that belongs to the Sulkey Bagg, that nothing may be lost out on the Wagon procure the Laws of the College, Study them often & obey them — Attend to your Studies — and conduct yourself in such a Manner, as to meritt a Good name, as a Scholar and for good behaviour — be Cautious in the Chose of your intimate Acquaintance, be civil to all, but intimate with few — I am dear Stephen — Your Affectionate father
Stephen Salisbury

Dear Mother

I am disapointed in not receiving a letter from you. Mama I have a request to make you know my room is on the lower floor so that every body that goes by can see what we are about, for instance, saturday Uncle Edward rode out to see me, and as he did not wish to get off he rode up to the window and looked in and when he saw me there, he rapped on the window for me to come out; also my classmates when they want our company in a walk, have only to stand before the house and look and see whether we are there, and then call to us; therefore I should be much obliged to you if you would send me four short curtains, such as I have no doubt you have seen, which are put on a little below the midle of the window, I should like to have them made with rings so as to draw. Mama will you please to send me a little more money, I have spent all that I had except one dollar and 6 cents. Please to give my duty to my father. I must get my lesson for I must go in, in half an hour.

Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge Oct 27 1813

Dear Mother

I received my first quarter bill the other day which was \$23, and 82 cts, 10\$ of which Papa paid in advance, when he gave my bond. My time passes a great deal pleasanter than I expected. * * * As it is after ten I must look over my lesson and go to bed, for I have to recite before breakfast. I have not received my bundle yet. Good night. Friday morn. I have just received my bundle; I was much disappointed in not receiving my curtains; for I cannot do without them for when we are dressing, nothing hinders people who are going by from looking in upon us; not only that but saucy young fellows, going by, first look in to see whether there [are those] within strong enough to oppose them if there are not they strike on the window to frighten us and almost push it in now if we had curtains they would not know how large we were; and then we could go to the window and drive [them] of and curtains two feet from the bottom of the window could not darken the room much. will you please to send me 13 dollars and 82 cents to pay my bill. Mama will you please to send me some apples and nuts, please to give my duty to my Father.

Your dutiful son,

Stephen Salisbury, Jr.

The quarter bill and the bond which was required of every student upon matriculation, follow.

Stephen Salisbury

To the PRESIDENT & FELLOWS of *Harvard College* Dr.

To his first Quarter Bill, ending Sept^r 30, 1813
Interest to be paid if not discharged within

	three months	DOLLS.	CENTS
Steward and Cōmons - - - - -	- - - - -	2.	50
Sizings - - - - -	- - - - -		
Study and Cellar Rent - - - - -	- - - - -		
Instruction - - - - -	- - - - -	11.	
Librarian - - - - -	- - - - -		

Natural History - - - - -		
Medical Instruction - - - - -		
Episcopal Church - - - - -		
Books - - - - -	9.	48
Catalogue and Commencement Dinner		44
Repairs and Fewel - - - - -		36
Sweepers and Sand - - - - -		4
Assessments for delinquency in payment of Quarter Bills - - - - -		
Wood - - - - -		
Fines - - - - -		
	23.	82
Credit by Cash in advance	10.	
	13.	82

Nov^r 20 1813 Rec^d payment

Caleb Gannett Coll Steward.

KNOW All Men by These Presents,

That we, Stephen Salisbury of Worcester in the County of Worcester, and Josiah Salisbury of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Merchants

are holden and firmly bound and obliged to the President and Fellows of HARVARD COLLEGE in the sum of two hundred ounces of silver,² to be paid unto the said President and Fellows of Harvard College; to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals this *Twenty second* day of *September* Annoque Domini 1813.

² During the War of 1812, when silver was more valuable than gold, it was common for payments to be agreed upon in "ounces of silver," and its value being estimated in cash, payment was made by check.

The condition of this present obligation is such,

That if the above-bounden Stephen Salisbury & Josiah Salisbury

their heirs, executors, and administrators, or either of them, shall once every quarter of a year well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said President and Fellows of Harvard College, or such person or persons as that Corporation shall appoint to receive the same, the whole of such sum or sums of money as shall become due from Stephen Salisbury Jun^r a minor, and one of the students of the said College, and shall be duly and regularly charged to him in his quarter bills, or otherwise, according to the laws and customs of the said College; together with such sum as may be assessed upon him by the President and Tutors, to repair his chamber or study, should any damage be done to them during the commencement season, when he shall take his degree; then this obligation shall be void and of none effect, or else shall stand and remain in full force and virtue.

Stephen Salisbury (seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered

Josiah Salisbury (seal)

in presence of

Daniel Scott Jun^r

Milton Johnson

Cambridge Oct

Dear Mother

this morning when I was in at prayers³ M^r Gates left your letter and the pail. I get along a good deal better in

³ All persons, of whatever degree, residing at the College, and all Undergraduates, whether dwelling in the College, or in the town, shall constantly and seasonably attend the worship of God in the chapel, morning and evening; and, if any Undergraduate come to Prayers after the exercises are begun, he shall be fined two cents: and if he shall be absent from Prayers without sufficient reason, he shall be fined three cents for every such neglect. And if any Undergraduate shall be remarkable for frequent tardiness, or absence from the religious exercises of the chapel, the President after particular enquiry into the reasons of this neglect, judging them insufficient, shall

my studies than I did at first. my teeth do not trouble me at all except sometimes when I am out in the cold air. Saturday as I was going out of Boston I met Mr Walter Channing Lady and Daughters but as they did not recognize me I did not speak to them. Mrs Dana is getting better slowly I like very much except that it is directly over Mrs Dana's room and if I make the least noise, such as cracking a nut, it disturbs her; I much prefer living alone to living with a chum. last week you forgot to send me a towel and I thinking there were more in the draw sent home the one I was using, so I had to borrow one of Mrs Giddings. I have got another quarter bill and no fines yet. I shall enclose this in a letter to Papa.

With the pail
containing

Your dutiful Son
Stephen Salisbury Jr

1 night shirt
1 flannel waistcoat
3 shirts
4 p^r stockings
1 vests
2 cravats
4 handkerchiefs
1 head do

give him a private admonition; if he persist in his neglect, he shall be admonished by the President, Professors and Tutors. And if he do not reform, he shall be degraded, suspended, or rusticated, according to the continuance of the offence.

* * * * *

If any Undergraduate shall be guilty of indecent or irreverent behaviour at Prayers, or of any disorderly conduct immediately before or after Prayers in the Chapel, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding one dollar, or shall be liable to admonition, degradation, suspension, or rustication, according to the aggravation of the offence.

* * * * *

If any Scholar shall be absent from the public worship on either part of the Lord's Day, or upon public Fasts and Thanksgivings, without offering a sufficient reason, before the ringing of the second bell, if the case will allow it, to the President or one of the Tutors, he shall be fined thirty-three cents. And if any Scholar shall come to public worship after the exercise is begun, he shall be fined not exceeding eleven cents. And if any one shall be remarkable for frequent absence from public worship, he shall be liable to the same punishment as one, who is remarkable for frequent absence from the religious exercises of the Chapel. And whoever shall be guilty of irreverent or indecent behaviour at public worship, or without sufficient reason go out at the time of public worship, shall be fined not exceeding one dollar, or shall be punished by admonition, degradation, suspension, or rustication, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Worcester 3d Nov^r 1813

My dear Child,

You are still I find, very desirous of having Curtains to your Windows, & did I know that you would be accommodated by them as you expect, I would indulge you, but I can hardly suppose it, those who would intrude on you at improper seasons, & otherwise behave improperly, would still do so tho' you had Curtains. Could they not look thr'o or over them? I last week rec'd a letter from your Uncle Edward, he inform'd me he had been to see you three times, that you appeared quite well, and was occupied as could be wished. this was very welcome news to me, & I wish my dear that you should always be in a situation to be seen by any who may call, which you certainly will if you are in the path of duty. do not I entreat you let trifling and Childish pursuits take your time and attention from your studies, and so be obliged to get your lesson at a late hour, that would be foolish conduct & I hope you will avoid it. I hope you had your Hair Cut some of these fine warm days we have had, & that you dont fail to comb and brush your hair ev'ry day. if it has not yet been cut take some fine day and do not have it cut very short. do not neglect your teeth, if you do they will be the worse for what has been done to them. clean them ev'ry day I charge you. keep yourself clean & neat, it is not incompatible with your duties, nor unbecoming in the Scholar, be assured.

Your affectionate mother

E Salisbury.

S. S. Jun^r Acct of Pockett Expences

Sept 30 to Nov 28 1813

Spent bro ^t from		\$14.12
	for crape.....	.25
	biscuit.....	.02
	apples to teamster...	.25
Nov 30 Am ^t of Cash	G Bell.....	.06
Rec ^d	21.70 Gingerbread.....	.04
	Cuting hair18

		G Bell.....	.03
		biscuit.....	.01
Book	\$13.67	Ray.....	.01
			<u>\$14.97</u>
omission	1.30	pears.....	.02
	<u>\$14.97</u>	Cake.....	.06
		cake.....	.03
		Sam ^l Salisbury tea...	.12
		stages.....	.50
			<u>0.73</u>
		chesnuts.....	.12
S S Jun ^r New Account for		foot ball.....	.06
Cash on hand	0.99	biscuit.....	.02
due from G Bancroft	.56	chesnuts.....	.02
	<u>1.55</u>	gingerbread.....	.04
Cash dld him		G Bell.....	.03
	10.00	Gingerbread.....	.06
Nov 28		Hoarhound candy...	.12
		stages.....	.50
			<u>0.97</u>
Book.....	19.58	sealing wax.....	.12
Lent Bancroft....	1.02	Cake.....	.04
lent Gustavus.....	.25	Oysters.....	.07
Lent Tyng.....	.25	Cake.....	.03
measuring wood...	3	pears.....	.04
	<u>21.13</u>	pd uncle Gustavus...	.25
		stages.....	.50
fare to Worcester.....			1.00
		Cake.....	.10
fare to Framingham \$1.50 Break-			
fast .50 Horse to Boston 20 Cent			
Toll '11 ^d			<u>2.31</u>
			4.46
		fare to Framingham..	.50
			<u>21.13</u>

Cambridge Dec^r 9th 1813

Dear Mother

I have just received my bundle by M^r G. I am very sorry to find my clothes wet through and through, but I will take care to air them well. Yesterday we were excused to go in to M^r Francis Parkman's⁴ ordination, I went in to see it; M^r Channing preached and really excelled himself, D^r Kirkland made the ordaining prayer, and Uncle Joseph gave the right hand of fellowship. Mamma, I was mistaken, we don't receive our next quarter bill until the beginning of next term. mamma will you please to tell Eliza I have not received her letter. Give my duty to my father

Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Worcester, Feb^y 14, 1814

My dear son—

I rec^d your Letter by M^r Heywood which you say you wrote at my request — why then not inform me, when you arrived at your Grandfathers — whether you had a pleasant time down how you found your Grandfather & other friends as to their health — whether they appeared Glad to see you — how long you staid with them — when you went to Cambridge, how you was received there, what Occationed your Call to Boston so soon after you left it — &c — dear Stephen why will you not Endeavour to Anticipate the Wishes of your friends — You did not mention in your Letter of receiving your Trunk by M^r Gates — though you return^d the matt that was round it in the Sulkey Baggs, which came up very wett — Whenever you receive a Letter a Bundle a Box or any other package, alway, in your Letter mention what you had received and in what order — And when you send any up Also mention what you have sent and by whom.

My Dear Son as your future prospects depend upon your prosecuting your present Studies with fidelity — lose not the present time Neglect not a Lesson — Endeavour not to be behind any of your Class in a thorough knowledge

⁴ Mr. Parkman was ordained over the New North Church.

of every Lesson required of you, and by your Close Application and good Conduct, may you meritt the Esteem and Approbation of all your Instructors — With much solicitude for your Welfare I Remain

Your Affectionate father

Stephen Salisbury

Expenses at College in the Term
from Sept to December 1813

To 12 Weeks board in Commons at	
Two Dollars & Eighty Cents	\$33.60
To four months rent of Room	2.00
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	\$35.60

Expenses at Capt. Dana's

To 12 Weeks board at \$3.50.	\$42.00
To 4 months Room Rent	10.00
Deduct	35.60
	<hr/>

Difference \$16.40

Worcester February 14th 1814
Received Sixteen Dollars & forty Cents
of Mr. Stephen Salisbury
Aaron Bancroft

Cambridge Feb^y 18th 1814

Honored Father

I have just received your kind letters by M^r Gates. I arrived at Grandpas about five oclock tuesday night and staid there untill wednesday afternoon I found Grandpapa much better than I expected he was then so well as to be able to walk about the house and since I have been so happy as to hear that he had got out, I found Uncle and Aunt Salisbury and as well as usual. when I got to Cambridge they were very kind to me and appeard glad to see me. I must confess sir that curiosity and to see my friends were my only motives for my going into town on Saturday. I am

very sorry that I was so careless as to omit acknowledging the receipt of my trunk which came in very good order. I am very much pleased with the pail you sent my clothes in. in this shall enclose a letter to my mother remember me to all my friends

I am Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge 21st Feb'y 1814

My dear Son,

Your letters were rec'd this morn. I am Grieved that you are so afflicted with the tooth-ache cannot you my dear collect courage sufficient to have the worst one extracted by Greenwood? if you could, I think you might obtain some relief. I am affraid you are careless of exposure, & in that way take cold, by all means avoid *sitting or standing still* after great exercise, such as snow-balling for instance. * * * * it delights me to have an opportunity for commendation, be assured, and your letters rec'd to-day have afforded me one — they are wonderfully better than any you have before written, & with the exception of a few small mistakes, very well — persevere my Son, and I shall soon have letters I shall be proud of.

* * * *

Your affectionate mother

Elizabeth Salisbury.

Will you accept of a little Gingerbread my Son? take care not to make your poor tooth ache. You had better cut but little of it at a time.

Cambridge Feb'y 26th

Dear Mother

I received your letter by M^r Gates with my bundle, and the box of Cake, (which I am very much obliged to you for,) this afternoon. I dont think that I can wear my every day waistcoat more than a week or fortnight more at most; for it has got most too bad to wear even in Colledge. * * * we have to study pretty hard this term. my tooth aches

so often, that I dont mind it so much as though it ached more seldom. I take so little exercise, that there is no danger of my taking cold, by suddenly cooling myself. I am very much pleased that my letters gave you pleasure, and I hope I shall better deserve your praises. please to give my duty to my father, and tell him I am happy to hear he is better, and shall write him next week. please to remember me to Eliza. I have got well of my cold.

I am, your dutifull

Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge March 24

Dear Father

I am sorry I am not able to write you oftener but the tutors keep us so busily employed there is hardly any time for ourselves. it is allowed they make us study harder than any class before; I find Sir that now I have so much writing to do (for one day I have to translate latin into english and another english into latin and every day we have to do sums and set them down in a manuscript) I find I like it much better than I used to. *** will you please to send me down a little bottle of ink.

I am Your obedient Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge March 30

Dear Mother

Your letter with the pail I received by Mr Gates before breakfast. I dont know how I can ever repay your kindness. I do not mean to wear that waistcoat untill the weather gets more warm. * * * last saturday I went to dine at uncle Salisbury's and I felt very well except a toothache in the forenoon, but just as the fruit came on I was so faint that I could not stand, then I drank some wine and Mr John Leveret led me out into the air and I soon got over my faintness Uncle and Aunt were very kind to me and wanted me to stay there, but I thought I was able to get out to Cam-

bridge in the stage. the stage⁵ had not gone out so I rode home and put my feet in water before I went to bed and when I got up sunday morn I felt better, and then I dont know but I should have been sick had it not been for chum he said I was not any more sick than he was so when I saw he would not think I was sick I thought it was best to get over it as soon as possible. I have been perfectly well ever since.

* * * *

I am

Your dutifull

Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

April 1814

Dear Mother

this morn when my letters came I was at prayers. I have had this week the honor of a visit from Uncle Joseph. I am pretty well except an ague which has hung on me for about three days. it takes me by starts, and sometimes for a minute or two it is very painful, when it is most painful the only thing I can do to ease it, is to lay that side of my face on the bed, and shut my mouth. it is said that the colledge government intend to *prohibit us from going into town more than once a month*. I am sorry, Mama, to ask again so soon for some more money, but there are two books I want, viz. Lempriere's dictionary and Mackays tables which will cost \$5 certainly and perhaps more. I am very much pleased with my shoes. * * * *

I am your dutiful

Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

Worcester April 20th 1814

My dear Son,

Last thursday I re'cd your letter, with the kit containing your cloaths.* * * You do not I hope use any hot things when you have the tooth-Ache. Your Uncle Salisbury & Aunt have been making us a visit, they left us on Monday after Dinner. Your Uncle mentioned that you *Run* when

⁵ The stage from Boston to Cambridge ran twice daily at 12 and 6 o'clock.

you should walk – you own'd that you run most of the way from Cambridge – now this is very wrong, as you must be sensible, violent exercise is not proper, but moderate, is exceedingly beneficial to health, will you remember this my dear? * * * * I want to see you my dear Child, write me how your health is, and always remember that I am your friend and Mother

Elizabeth Salisbury.

Your Father sends you \$10, and says on giving it me – “I hope S. keeps his accounts correct” –

Cambridge April 24 1814

Honored Father

I thought that now as I have got back to my room it would be proper for me to write how I am. I feel now as well if not better than I did before I was sick. Yesterday I dined at Uncle Salisbury's Uncle and Aunt are pretty well. Grandpapa when I left him he had a bad cold and headache, says he hopes to go to Worcester soon. I rode out in the stage yesterday. I dont at all like these east winds. will you please Sir to tell Mama I found that odd stocking she spoke of in the corner of my bag. I have heard that the procession of the W[ashington] B[enevolent] society will be very splendid this year, they will have more standards and more boys than they did last. Will you please Sir to send me my English Grammar and batting ball. I hope pape you will write me, I have been expecting one this great while. I received the ten dollars you sent me, and I am much obliged to you for it. I make out my accounts⁶ very

Stephen Salisbury Esquire to L. Dana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	D ^r
Board and Diet for your Son Stephen Student at Colledge.	13 weeks between the							
10 th Feby and 18 th May	@ \$4.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$52.—
19 th May 1814	-							

Received Payment in full
Luther Dana.

George Bancroft's expenses at College from February to May 1814.

To 13½ Weeks board in Commons at	\$2.73
	\$36.85
To rent of Room ½ year	2
	<hr/>
	38.85

as yet and hope I shall continue to do so. please to give
my duty to my mother and love to Eliza.

I am Sir ever Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

P S I am a little homesick
Sunday Eve

Cambridge [June] 19th 1814

Dear Mother

yesterday I received your favor by Mr Rice and he went directly so that I had no time to answer it. Next tuesday we have to be examined in all the studies we have been over the last year, the Corporation will be all day examining us, as it approaches I grow more courageous about it. I got my straw hat Mrs Powars charges one dollar and six cents for what she did to it, it is a fine one Mama and I am much obliged to you for it, it is much admired. The day of the solemn festival,⁷ the President said that all the students ought to attend, so we had but one exercise and that in the morning that day I went into town and attended church, the performances were extraordinary; I shall enclose you the order of exercises and the resolutions which were voted by the congregation. I am sorry that I have not a white waistcoat to wear examination. I should like, Mama, to have you send me some more of my money. I should like it very much if you could once in a while send me a little fruit, for there is very little in Cambridge. Give my respect

To 13½ Weeks at Capt. Dana's at \$4½

\$54:00

To Rent Room ½ year

10:00

64.00

\$64.00

38.85

\$25.15

Worcester June 2^d 1814

Received of Mr Stephen Salisbury Twenty five Dollars & fifteen Cents.

Aaron Bancroft.

⁷ This was a thanksgiving service held at King's Chapel, after the receipt of the news of the first abdication of Bonaparte.

to my Father and tell him I intend to write him after Examination. please to give my love to Eliza.

from your dutiful son, Stephen Salisbury Jr

P S I am in usual health
sunday eve.

P S Respecting chumming I spoke to Samuel Sewal and he said he was engaged to Samuel May Bancroft has got a chum; for my part I am at a loss who to chum with; there are none in our Class I like well enough.⁸ as soon as examination is over I intend to write you how I make out.

Yours S

Worcester 20th June 1814

My dear Stephen,

last eve'g we rec'd your cloaths by Mr. Rice, was sorry you had not a letter ready for him, there was not time, I am aware, to write after you saw him. I send you by Mr. Heywood some Cloaths, you will find amongst them a new waistcoat which is I think very handsome, and a black silk one, made of one of your fathers, which will do to wear accationally, it will not bear constant wear. I should think you might wear any of your colour'd waistcoats a week, *with care*. the old loose gown will do, 'till I have time to make the new one. I had rather you should wear 3 shirts a week than not – those fine cambric neck cloaths are very pretty for Summer. Send by Mr. H. all you have dirty, not forgetting the bed Quilt, & Sheets. * * * * may I hope & trust that you are *Industrious & good*? I am sure if you love me you will compel me to think so.

Tuesday/ – this day at noon I rec'd your letter by Mail. I suppose this is your examination day – I am sorry a little, that you had not a handsome waist-coat for the occation, but I shall be *very* sorry if you tell me you did not do well. you must write us all about it. with regard to a Chum, I would not have you anxious, nor hasty to decide. who has B. got? I hope you will observe the utmost propriety

⁸ College rooms were assigned to the students at the discretion of the faculty.

& decorum this ev'g, you must know I am thinking of the supper, you told you desir'd to make one at. I have sent your white pantaloons, you may like to wear them of a very hot Sabbath with your thin Coat & white socks. if you wish to appear well dress'd at any time wear white socks with your Nankin pantaloons. I would not have you wear those blue clouded socks in to Boston, they will do for * * * keep yourself neat, not forgetting the * * * soap - comb - & tooth brush. * * * *

Your affectionate friend & Mother

E Salisbury

Cambridge June 23rd 1814

Honored Sir,

Tuesday last, was our examination day I made out much better than I expected. H G Otis addressed us he being Chairman of the committee, he said, we had given good proof of our dilligence, and gave us very good advice, he told us that we should not wish to go to a better College as Oxford and Edinburgh until we were sure we had learnt perfectly all that could be learnt here. I went last Saturday to see the Launch⁹ but was disappointed, but yesterday in the afternoon as it was to be launched we had leave to go provided we would get a double lesson for the next recitation I went to see her again and she went off nicely, they fired twelve guns as a salute from the Constitution and they were answered by twelve from the navy yard. I have been expecting a letter from you and I am very sorry to be so disapointed, I hope I shall recieve one from you soon. I have but this sheet of letter paper, now therefore I shall write to Mama on the other side. I am Sir Your obedient Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

Dear Mother

This morn I recieved your letter by M^r Heywood he said he should be back very soon so I shant have time to

⁹ The launch of the frigate *Independence*.

write much. * * * * you asked who Bancroft has got for a chum he has been very lucky I think his intended chums name is Carter he is deaf of one ear but he is a good scholar and a clever fellow I believe. * * * *

Worcester 27th June 1814

Dear Stephen,

I send you by Mr Gates a new Gown¹⁰ which I have made for you, when you have try'd it, you must let me know how it suits you, and also how the new pair of white Cotton Socks fit you. I have sent some pieces of your Blue Cassimere pantaloons to mend them with, get some person to do them, who will do them neatly. I am sorry if you cannot find a Chum in your own Class, I would not have you get one in a lower Class. has Thompson got a Chum? * * * *

in great haste your Affectionate

Mother

E. Salisbury.

Worcester July 22, 1814

My dear son -

Yesterday I rec^d your Letter by the mail inclosing your Quarterly Bill, which I shall send you the money to discharge had you copied the Qterly Bill, in your Letter, I should not have had to pay double postage for that Letter - You will remember for the futher - that every Scrap of paper you enclose in a Letter pays 10 C^{ts} postage in addition to postage of the Letter itself.

¹⁰ A clause in the College Laws (1807) explains the use of the word "gown" in these letters:—

"All the Undergraduates shall be clothed in coats of blue grey, or of dark blue, or of black. And no Student shall appear within the limits of the College or town of Cambridge in a coat of any other color, unless he shall have on a night gown, or, in stormy or cold weather, an outside garment over his coat. Nor shall a surtout, or any outside garment of any other color than a blue grey, or dark blue, or black, be substituted for the uniform coat. But the Students are permitted to wear black gowns, in which they may appear on all public occasions. They shall not wear gold or silver lace, cord, or edging upon their hats, waistcoats, or any other parts of their clothing. And whosoever shall violate any of these regulations shall be fined a sum not less than eighty cents, nor more than one dollar and sixty cents, for each offence; and if any one persist in such violation, he shall be subject to higher censures."

I have repeatedly told you to apply to your Uncle Joseph and Cousin Josiah, for any advise you might at any time stand in need of – that you would find them always willing to befriend you they are both acquainted with the Rules & regulations of the College, the advantage or disadvantage that attends having a Room in College and boarding out – In selecting your Chum, you will have a Regard to his general Character, both as a friend & Scholar. You must attend also to have a comfortable Room – dont fail to Ask their Opinion upon every Occation that concerns you, and acquaint me at the same time — I do hope & Expect you will get through the freshman year without a fine – and that you will Endeavour to be able to pass through College not only without a Censure but with applause –

Your Affectionate father

Stephen Salisbury

I have enclosed your Quarterly Bill & 17 Boston Bills to discharge the same, the 33 Cents you will receive in Change you will account for in Account of your Expences – wont you ask M^r Gannett how to happens that his Quarterly Bill Ends at the commencement of the Quarter—when you pay him he will receipt on the Bill which you will take care of and return me by a private safe hand or bring up with you at the Vacancy.¹¹

Cambridge August 15th 1814

Dear Mother

I dont know how it is but I have not recieved answers to my last letters I am afraid they have been miscarried. as I had petitioned for a room with P the only way I could do was to room out, therefore I ask'd Capt Dana if I could have his room on the second story it has a bed room to it, and it is a good light room; now the only thing to do is to determine whether to chum alone or with a next years freshman; you [know] how it is when you have a chum. you

¹¹ There were three vacations during the year: – Four weeks from Commencement (the fourth Wednesday in August); seven weeks from the fourth Wednesday in December; and two weeks from the third Wednesday in May.

cannot always think alike or feel alike. when one wants to study the other will want to talk even when both want to study, when sitting together, they have strong temptations to begin to talk, and sometimes when one wants to study or write (as now it is the case) the other will bring in company and disturb the one who is writting, and when a person rooms alone, he is at ease and can have company when he pleases. will you please to send me an answer by the next mail, and Mama will you tell me whether I may stay to commencement or not (we are allowed to go away the friday before) you know I have never seen one. if you permit me to stay will you please to send me five dollars more Please to give my respects to my Father
In Health, I am, Your dutiful son,

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge Oct (1814)

Honored Sir

I was dissappointed in not recieving an answer to my letter. I hope you will excuse my not writing more frequently, for I have so much to do now I am pressed for time for I have (every other day) today to go to writting schooll from 8 to 10 after that I have to get 4 pages of Latin to recite at quarter past 11 we get out of recitation at 12 then we dine at one, then after dinner we have to get a lesson in Geometry to recite at 4 we are kept in the recitation till most 5 then we have prayers and immediately afterwards supper and in the evening we have to get 3 or 4 pages of

Stephen Salisbury Esq^r

To Luther Dana D^r

To 12 Weeks board and Diet during Summer Term of Colledge. For Master Stephen Salisbury. (Student)

@ \$4.00 p^r Week - - - - - \$48.—

To Room rent in Company with M^r Bancroft one year @ 60\$ p^r year. Attendance of Chambermaid inclusive - - - half 60 — 30.—

\$78.—

3^d Sep^r 1814 -

Received Payment for the Above

L. Dana

latin to recite at 6 o'clock next morning so you see Sir we have full employment. * * * *

I am Sir, with respect

Your dutifull Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge Nov 3rd 1814

Dear Mother

I have just recieved your letter and the pail containing sheets clothes and paper and quilts. * * * * tuesday was exhibition day the performances were in the new Chapel Uncle came and after exhibition calld to see me. next sabbath we shall attend public worship in the Chapel and a church will be organized within the walls of College¹² * * *

Your dutiful

Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

Worcester Novem^r 4 1814

Dear Stephen

I rec^d your several Letters, one of which inclosed your first Quarterly Bill, amounting to \$15-11 - have here inclosed you 2 Boston Bank Bills 10 & 5 \$15 00 the odd 11 Cents you will make up, and discharge this Bill which is here inclosed. have it receipt^d on - take care and return the Bill when you come home - I sent you this Week by M^r Gates, a Quire of Letter Paper and a Bunch Dutch Quils - the Week before I sent you a flat Ruler, which I concluded you would want - I notice in your Letters you often mention how hard you have to Study. I hope you do not View it as a task - but the most desirable and pleasant amusement, and which will reward you for your diligence and perseverance -

Your Affectionate father

Stephen Salisbury

¹² Until 1812 the college had held its religious services with the First Parish of Cambridge; but in that year the Board of Overseers recommended to the Corporation that it would be for the benefit of the students that religious instruction should be given within the college. Upon the completion of the chapel in University Hall, at this time, a separation from the first Parish was effected, and college services have been held by the college since.

My dear Father

Cambridge Feby 14 1815

I dont doubt you have heard of the arrival of his H B M Brig Favorite in New York bringing the good news that a treaty of peace has been signed by our Commissioners. I have not seen the handbill and therefore I cannot say upon what terms and indeed I am not certain they are mentioned. In Boston they rejoiced as loud as they could by setting all the bells to ringing and mounting everything like a gun on sledges and carts and firing them in every part; All the Independent companies appear'd in uniform to express their joy. In College we were not much more moderate, the company fired the federal salute; at prayers at night the singers sang an anthem and in the evening between the hours of 8 and 9 the colleges were brilliantly illumined. We have had so much rejoicing to do we have hardly got settled yet. I never felt so homesick as I have this term. I got down Safe at 20 minutes before 3. the passengers had agreed not to stop for dinner but three of (us) got some pie so that we did very well * * * *

Your dutiful son

Stephen————J^r

Dear Mother

Cambridge Feb^y 14 1815

I arrived here safe at a little before three oclock. * * * Papa will tell you all I know about the peace it really seems too good to be true; I never saw so much confusion any time during the war as the people make in rejoicing for the peace, what a terrible disapointment it would be if it should turn out to be untrue (of which I believe there is no danger) or if the President should not ratifie it. When I first heard the news I determined to write home immediately but upon consideration I thought you would hear sooner by the stage than I could get a letter to you. I like Commons rather better than I expected, the coffee (which you know is my favorite) is in general as good as M^{rs} Dana and bread is good, the meat tolérable, so that I do very well. * * * *

Your dutiful Son

Stephen ——— J^r

Cambridge July 12 1815

Dear Mother

I received the pail last evening by Mr Gates, and was sorry to find I had no letter, Mr G told me the reason you did not write. I was very sorry to see 2 pair of nankin pantaloons for I dont see how I shall manage to wear them all; and by next year they will be so small that I shall be obliged to have them peiced and you know how I dislike that, it looks very ill; but if they had not been made until next year they would have been fitted for my shape and I have enough for this season, besides them. I did not go into town last saturday because it was so rainy and therefore have not seen Uncle and Aunt S since their return. I have some thought of going in today for we have nothing to do as it is the day for the examination of the senior class. I hope you will give up all hopes of my having a part, for I am certain I shall not get one I have call on D^r Warren twice since you left town but he was out both times. Please to give my respects to Papa and love to Eliza I hope I shall have a letter from you in the course of the week.

Believe me

ever

Dear Mother

Your dutiful Son

Stephen J^rWorcester July 18th 1815

My dear Son,

I was disappointed that my present to you last week, of 2 p^r Nankin pantaloons, were not rec'd with gratitude—more especially as they were made of an article which was not new, & intended merely for the present season—I hope you will acknowledge to me that you have found them very comfortable—I wrote you last week by the Mail, you have ere now, I trust, recover'd your spirits, & entertain great hopes of obtaining a part at some future time. Send me an account of the examination. I send your Cloaths this week by Mr Rice, it is uncertain whether or not he returns thr'o Cam—, but you will have your things ready. Mr

Gates does not go this week. I have sent 4 of your New linnen shirts tell me when you have worn them, how you are pleas'd, how they fit you. Supposing, as the weather has been very warm, that you have worn your Gown, a good deal, and of course that it is dirty, I have made you another, which I now send, you will return the Green one with your Cloaths, & let me know how you like the new one. they are picking currants for you, I hope Mr Rice can take them

have you seen your grand-father lately? I fear he is not well, let me know how he was when you were last there. Dr Fiske went to Boston this mor'g, but he did not offer to take even a letter! write me as much as you can, particularly how you enjoy your health, & get on with your studies.

Your sincere frenid & mother

Elizabeth Salisbury.

I am affraid, Dear Mother, that you misunderstood what I said about my pantaloons; I am very much obliged to you for them but I thought I could do without them this season; and I was affraid that if they were made this season, they would be too small for next. * * * * *

I dont know as our Class will have any parts at all for there (is) something like a rebellion on foot now for the government gave us a lesson the day the Seniors left College and the Classes heretofore had no recitation. So the Classes all of them staid away from recitation. The government have fined them all 1 Dollar; and they intend to send away some to prevent the like conduct for future; and the students talk of going with those, who are sent away; I dont yet know how it will terminate; I shall try to keep out fo mischief.¹³

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Your dutiful Son

Stephen ———

July 20 1815

¹³ "If any Class, or a considerable part of a Class, shall by combination or agreement absent themselves from any stated exercise of a Professor or Tutor, it shall be in the power of the Professor or Tutor, whose exercise they neglect, to punish each one, so absenting himself, by a fine not exceeding one dollar. If the consideration of such offence be referred to the whole Immediate Government, and in their judgment a pecuniary mulct may be a sufficient punishment, it shall be their power to inflict a fine on each offender, not exceeding four dollars."—College Laws, 1807

Worcester 25th July 1815

My dear Stephen,

It was with much sorrow & Anxiety that I rec'd an account of the misconduct of the Students in College—most happy should I have been to know that you had distinguish'd yourself on the occasion, by obedience to Government, which has without doubt, a right to Institute new rules & regulations, whenever they judge it proper to do so — this you must acknowledge, & also that you have bound yourself to be guided & directed by them. why then my dear did you not obey the summons to recitation — were you not conscious that you ought so to do? & suppose you were the only one, tis magnanimous to dare to do right, & cowardly to follow a Multitude to do evil — I know not the particulars, you may have more to say in your own vindication than I am aware of — I hope so — I trust I shall hear from you fully on the subject — tell me my dear how *you* in particular conducted in the affair, & by what motives you were influenced — I am in hopes you will have a letter ready so as not to write in a hurry — * * * *

Your Affectionate Mother

Elizabeth Salisbury

Dear Mother

As I did not know what sort of a [letter] I should receive from you I could not of course prepare an answer, and indeed I did not expect that you would have heard so large an account of the disturbance as you did. All, that I can say for myself, is, that I did not go in to recite and I did not draw the carriage for them I was bathing and that Cousin J Salisbury came out to see me and he said he was glad I did not go in to recite and that I was away when the carriage was drawn; and he observed that I had better [not] oppose the students (for then I could gain nothing but hatred and conyempt) or the government but take as much as possible a neutral part. Two Brothers of the name of —— went into recitation and hoped by that means to gain the favour of the College government and the world at the expence of the dislike and contempt of their companions, but those

who are acquainted with the circumstances see plainly that their object was to build up their character on fall others and their conduct is generally thought to have proceeded from other motives than a sense of duty * * * *

Your dutiful Son

July 27 1815
Cambridge

Stephen ——— J^r

Cambridge July 27th 1815

Dear Father,

I believe you heard of the Rebellion from Mr. Brazer, and of course it was represented in the most unfavourable light; for Mr J Brazer was very much engaged during the whole proceeding. Although the proceedings of the students cannot be justified yet a great deal may be said in palliation and you would (I do not doubt) have a better opinion of us. I can give you a particular history of it when I go home on the week before Commencement; but it is impossible to give you a correct idea of it in writing. The Government of the College were very impolitic in the manner they took notice of it, for if they had waited until the next day, and then suspended a few, or fined us all, the Students would have been quiet; But there are some of the government, who think there is no way of restoring order, but by the most severe measures; And instead of taking those whose general character was bad, they pitched those whose character for morals was good, and as for scholarship they were among the best of their Classes. This was the reason for those irregularities which followed, and I hope it will be considered as something of an excuse. And those proceedings which are considered, (by those who are inclined to misrepresent, or whose absence prevented them from knowing the particulars,) as insults to the government, were intended merely, as testimonies of the sympathy of the whole body of the students, who were the unfortunate victims of that punishment which should justly have fallen upon us all. I have often heard since, that the President was averse to the method adopted by the Government. I went

up to him to get permission to stay in town Saturday night, and in course of conversation, he said, it was difficult to get along with three governments, and what else could he mean, than that the students were endeavouring to get the power in their own hands, and the government were divided. Mr Josiah Salisbury, with Mrs S — rode out to see me a day or two after the classes missed recitation; I told him the story, and how far I was concerned. he said it was well that I did not go into recitation, and he was glad I was not up at College when they drew the carriage, for it was much better not to be in the college yard. I happened to be bathing at tha time. The sons of ——— attended recitation, and said they did not care for the good opinion of the class, but that they would by this means gain the favour of government; but in this it is generally thought they will be mistaken. these two, together with a man named ———, and ——— son, were the only persons who went to recite. ——— was obliged to go in as he was dependent on one of the government for his board, and he would other wise be obliged to pay for it himself, which he could but ill afford to do. The persons who were rusticated on account of the rebellion, were not selected as principals. The names of those, who are sent away from our class, are Winthrop, our best scholar, Hastings the son of Lawyer H—— of Mendon, who was one of our best scholars, and Fogg who was also a good scholar. I have here endeavoured to give you a short account of it but there are many things which I cannot give in writing, which I will inform you of, when we next meet. I am very sorry that this rebellion ever happened; but I can find nothing in my conduct as an individual, to be sorry for. The President is become still more popular among the Students; He, (and he alone) appeared affected when the rustication bills were given. I shall obey you, Sir, in all things which you require, and endeavour by my behavior, to gain the esteem and good will, of my instructors and friends. The storm is now quite blown over, and all things are as quiet as ever, and indeed the opposition to government never was extended farther than the first day. You were mistaken, Sir, in supposing,

that this rebellion originated in a few turbulent men, the determination to miss the recitation was general, and I for my part, can not point out any man, or number of men, who can be called ring-leaders.

With respect, Sir,

Your dutiful Son

Stephen ——— J^r

Dear Father

Now is the time for our class to join the company and I should think it would be a good time for me to learn to train and if I did not belong to College I should soon be obliged to come out in the militia, the company is composed of our class and the senior and is permitted by the Government of the college. As all my companions belong to it and it is a very respectable company as it is better disciplined than the greater part and equal to the best companies in Boston. I should like very much to join it, Papa, if you would please to give me permission. If you are willing, Sir, that I may join, will you please to send me 4 dollars to buy me a breast plate gunstrap and cockade. They have no uniform but blue coats and white trowsers beside the above articles. Will you please Sir to give me an answer, immediately on the receipt of this as to my joining the company for they have begun to learn the manouvres, and I shall be behind hand if I do not begin soon. * * * *

With respect

Harvard University
August 7th 1815

Sir
Your dutiful Son
Stephen ——— J^r

My dear Mother

I recieved this morning your letter containing money and the other things which you were so kind as to send me. * * * *

We came out in uniform last friday and the Capt marched us to Medford and I was not much fatigued We returned our guns to the armory the other [day] and I

suppose that we shall not resume them until next spring. In the junior year the officer marks the best themes with different marks to designate the different degrees of their excellence. Yesterday my first junior theme was returned with a mark of approbation of the second order. There are only three kinds of mark. of the first kind there were five themes. Bancroft had a mark of the first kind. S J May had a mark of the same kind as mine. These marks are given only to the best

	Ever truly
Capt Dana's	with Respect and affection
Cambridge	Your dutiful Son
Nov 2 1815	Stephen ——— J ^r

Worcester 5th Nov^r 1815

Dear Stephen,

Your letters by Mr. Gates were rec'd. If indeed you were not greatly fatigued by your March I am very glad of it. A mark of approbation, tho' not of the first order, must I should think be encouraging – may it stimulate you my dear boy, and excite to greater diligence and application — 'twould be exceedingly pleasing that you should distinguish yourself. we approve of your attending the dancing School, only be very careful of coming out warm into the Air. it will not I trust break in upon more important exercises – you will probably want a pair of Dancing pumps, thick Shoes will not be proper to learn in, you can get a pair in Boston, but do not go in on purpose. once a week is quite often enough to go into Boston. shall write you again soon.

your Affectionate Mother
Elizabeth Salisbury.

Cambridge April 9th 1816

Dear Mother

I am sorry to plead guilty to your censure but I hope that the complete occupation of my time in College duties will be some excuse – today for instance I got up at six oclock went into prayers and immediately after into recita-

tion by which were detained till about 7 then we had till half after 7 to prepare for breakfast — at nine oclock I had to go into french and at half past ten into another recitation — we went into lecture at quarter past 11 oclock which continued till half past twelve which is commons time after which we had a recess till 2 oclock when there was another lecture which lasted till three oclock — to which followed another recitation at four oclock which closed the labours of the day. The reppetition of these exercises is no doubt tedious to you, Mama, but how much more so must the performance of them. But perhaps tedious is not a proper word I meant merely to say fatiguing. These would appear sufficient to occupy our time to any reasonable person But beside all these the government have seen fit that we should attend another course of lecture to begin next week. Wednesday is to be the most busy day of the week but there is not much difference between the exercises of this day and the three first days of the week. * * * * As to my studies Mama if my performance of my exercises equalled the labour that I bestow on them I think I should do very well. * * * *

Your dutiful Son

Stephen ————— Jr

Worcester April 16th 1816

Dear Stephen,

Your Mother is very glad you can give so good an account of this disposition of your time — a good Oeconomist my dear can find time for all duties. but is it not a new thing, your attending the Botanical lectures? If it will be of any advantage to you I am glad you do, I should like much to have you *acquire* a taste for Botany, as it would be a pleasurable as well as healthful exercise. Your father has no recollection of subscribing to the B[otanic] Garden. I am concern'd least you have no clean linnen to wear, send by the bearer all you have dirty. I send you some wick yarn, which was forgotten before. also a few Apples. do my dear be careful not to break your teeth in eating them. * * * * I have several times thought how you made out about your Pantaloons, your old Blues must be much worn

— if you can't do otherwise my son, wear your new Blue ones, do not go shabby with sincere & constant prayers that you may be virtuous & good, I am your Affectionate mother
Elizabeth Salisbury.

Cambridge June 20 1816

My Dear Mother

I do not wonder that you are surprised at silence but I hope that business will be a sufficient excuse. Beside the usual exercises I had an examination a forensic and a declamation. I appeared very well at examination — better than I expected. Mr Prescott was the chairman of the examining committee and [in] his address to us afterwards he said that the fame our class had extended beyond the walls of college but that nevertheless that our appearance had exceeded expectation. I think I appeared as well as any one; this is however no modesty. * * * * As I sometimes want something to eat in the evening and at other times I thought I would ask you if you would please to send me a piece of brown bread sometimes!!

Your dutiful Son

Stephen —————Jr

My Dear Mother

I have just recieved your kind letter and the fruit you were so good to send me. * * * * It gave me great pleasure Mama to find by your letter that Papa was coming down with you as I feared much that he would not. It would greatly diminish the pleasure of having a part if my parents were not present to hear beside you know Mama I am not calculated to make a figure in the world so that I must make much of my Collegiate honours. I have carried my part to the professor who examines the compositions of our class and he said except a few verbal alterations he approved of it; I shall this morning read it to the President and I will write you what he says of it. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness in thinking of those things for me which I should not have recollected myself. I

thought I would mention to you that if you please I should like to wear silk stockings at exhibition. The Exhibition¹⁴ is a week from next tuesday I hope you will excuse the chirography of this letter as I am somewhat hurried at this time and I feel solicitous about the presidents opinion of my part. * * * * Your dutiful Son

Stephen S———— J^r

P S I have read my part to the President and he made no remarks upon it but told me (after his manner) "very well." I have read it to one of those who are associated with me and he thought it very good.

Done at Cambridge

with respect

Cabot Room this 11 Oct

Stephen Salisbury

1816

¹⁴Public exhibitions were held on the third Tuesday in October; the last Tuesday in April; and the Tuesday in the week preceding Commencement.

ORDER OF PERFORMANCES FOR EXHIBITION OCTOBER 22, 1816

1. A Latin Oration, "De Literis Rerumpublicarum." S. E. SEWALL.
2. A Conference, "On the comparative value of Promptness, Prudence and Perseverance, as qualities of the practical man."
S. SALISBURY, J. D. WELLS & H. PRENTISS.
3. A Greek Dialogue, "Mercury and Sosia." Translated from Plautus.
S. REED & S. BARRETT.
4. A Forensick Disputation on the question, "Whether a concealed be preferable to an open suffrage?"
M. ROGERS & C. REED.
5. An English Dialogue, "Prince Henry and Falstaff," Selected from Shakespeare.
W. GODDARD & R. E. ELLIOTT.
6. A Colloquial Discussion, "On the influence of the multiplication of books upon the interests of Science and Literature." D. G. HATCH & S. J. MAY.
Musick.
7. A Latin Dialogue, "Mahomet and Mustapha." Translated from Johnson's Irene.
T. M'CULLOCH & J. EVERETT.
8. A Conference, "On the anxieties of Youth, Manhood and Old Age."
S. HART, E. A. LUMMUS & B. PERRY.
9. An English Dissertation, "On the value of the Metaphysical Researches of Locke."
A. CUMMINGS.
10. A Greek Dialogue, "Pierre and Jaffier." Translated from Otway's Venice preserved.
C. CHASE & J. FESSENDEN.
11. Mathematical and Astronomical exercises.
J. BLANCHARD, D. L. CHILD, C. CUSHING,
G. EMERSON, R. SCHUYLER & A. WOODS.
12. An English Oration, "The influence of Enthusiasm on happiness."
G. BANCROFT.

Cambridge March 14 1817

Honoured Father

Permit to request you to make my acknowledgements to my Dear Mother for the kind letter and clothes and the apples she was so good to send me. * * * *

Perhaps I did not express myself in a proper manner at any rate you mistook what I said in one of my last letters with respect to my want of money. I did not mean to trespass on your goodness for any more but only that which Mama refunded was very seasonable. That was a sufficiency for all known contingencies nor did I then wish or expect any more; I use the phrase known contingencies because as you will see by my letter by the mail that since that there has arisen a demand for money which could not then be foreseen and which has given me confidence to make a corresponding request in that letter which as well as a request for apples your generosity has anticipated and thus they are made null void and of no effect as the law expresses it. The contingency referred to as you will learn by that letter is the purchase of a black silk gown which the government have advised the students to adopt as their distinguishing badge; and it is to be worn only on public occasions. The money you were so good to send though before unnecessary is now needed and will be devoted to the above mentioned contingency. I thank you for your liberality and hope that I may regulate my expenditures by your will and endeavour to deserve the kindness of my friends * * * *

From

Sir Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Cambridge June 26 1817

My dear Mother.

I have just received your kind letter and the comforts you were so good to send me by Mr Gates Your other letter was sent from town in due season I was in town last saturday and found all my friends well but you have no doubt heard since. I dined with Uncle Gustavus on fryday

last when I went in town to an auction and went up stairs to see my Aunt. Cousin Francis is very pretty The handsomest infant I think I ever saw that is he looked very fair and had some shape to his face I suspect he will not be an exception to the long noses of the family. He will be called Franciss - I asked Uncle G - something about his son John Now dont call him John His name is Francis You know that Uncle is sometimes a little Particular I yesterday found from his card that Uncle Edward had honoured me with a call. You advised me to get thin pantaloons and some silk ones for Commencement - I thought I would defer it till I wrote you. I have thin grey pantaloons you know which are quite handsome and this summer will be so cold that I shall not probably have need of any I have hardly felt a desire for them yet so that if you please I should rather not get any this season. I come now to my health it is on the whole better I think, I say on the whole, for at present I do not feel so well Night before last three or four Class-mates called to see me and I got some apples of which I ate three thinking that they would probably be good for my indigestion, but they proved too cold for my weak stomach I had the next morning a heavy oppression it seemed to be in the upper of my stomach As I had heard that Dr Warren said when he felt an oppression, he found immediate relieve from riding & as my stomach felt as though it wanted to be shaken down I procured a horse and rode about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. There is little danger from Cambridge horses that is the greater part - for those most commonly worn out by continual service I felt very well when I was riding but I found my dinner increased my oppression, at night I ate some rhubarb and some more this morning. I feel better today than yesterday. I have not consulted Dr Warren for it is evident that my indisposition proceeds from sedentary habits and weakness I have adopted a regimen which I think will cure it I shall study little, eat few vegetables, go to bed at ten, get up at six exercise regularly as you may suppose I rode clumsily at first when my legs get over their chafeing I think I shall try it again. Please to give my respect to my Father and tell him how grateful I am for

his generosity in respect to those books. Our examination is a week from next Tuesday and we leave a week after that With love to my Cousin I must conclude with respect and affection

Your Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Worcester 30th June 1817

My dear Stephen,

I hope you soon got over the effects of your imprudence, or error in Judgment, which shall I call it, in eating hard, wilted, indigestible Apples, just before going to bed – it is a great deal better not to eat anything after tea, I know from experience. how is your health at present my Son? I am not sorry that you attempted a little ride on Horseback, but I entreat you to be careful to take an old worn out Horse, that can but just walk, I mean until you are a little accustom'd – I am not without hope that you will have a Horse, I think if you leave College with honor & credit, your Father will consider you – I feel very anxious to have you pass examination well, as I cannot but think it will have some influence on the part that will be given you – you will probably go into Boston to Celebrate Independence, and I hope I may depend on your discretion – do not my dear Child forfeit your reputation for that quality, by fatiguing yourself, or runing any hazards. I had some thought of sending you my watch, your Father did not object when I spoke of it some time ago, do you wish me to if I have a good opportunity. I send you two linnen Shirts this week that are pleated nicely, you had 6 linnen ones there before, I would have you wear on them now after you have finished the Cotton ones which you have there do you not want a handsome pair of thin Pantaloons for Commencement? I think you will if it is warm, had you not better ask Callender what will be handsome? if indeed we were sure it would be cool weather, well, perhaps it may be left 'till you go down to Commencement. I have not heard a word of my Father since he left us, a week ago last Saturday, except

your mentioning in general that our friends were all well. you were in town probably last Saturday, how did you find him? your Father is still busy, and does not find time to write you. he is pretty well. have your Sheets chang'd & send home all your cast cloaths. they say there were two odd Socks in the wash, be careful to wear mates my Son.

write me by Gates, and tell me how you do. and if the Port wine suits you.

Your Affectionate mother

Elizabeth Salisbury.

July 10 1817

My dear Mother

I had the pleasure yesterday after a tedious examination which I got through very well to find a letter from you and some clothes in my room I thank you for your good wishes with respect to examination and am happy to say that though I was not so fortunate as I have been sometimes I think that my appearance will be rather propitious to my part if I should have any than the contrary. Our friends in town when I last heard of them were uniformly well except Grandpapa who has lost his appetite in a great degree which when I saw him he seemed to lament as a misfortune rather than experience any evil from it. Uncle Joseph and Aunt Sarah were at my room on Monday the day the president visited Cambridge¹⁵ and they were both well; by the way the visit to the College must have been very pleasing for all the marks of attention which were shown him were dignified and manly and worthy of the character of gentlemen and scholars; the address of Dr K you will see in newspapers; the latin oration by Cushing of whom you have heard me speak was remarkable for its purity and classick elegance Whether I had better come home or not is a question which cannot now be decided it will depend on my having a part or not and the nature of the part whether it requires study or not. I shall therefore send nothing

¹⁵ President Monroe.

home at present. My health is much improved as I am not ill troubled with the dyspepsia.

I will take the liberty My dear Mother to repeat the request that I may be excused from getting thin pantaloons for I have really no need of them and I wear those which I have more because It is a pity to outgrow without wearing them than any other reason but if you think it expedient may I get kerseymere on the whole I think I should like a pair of that description. I shall make my calls in town on my friends next Saturday Please to excuse my writing more at present as I am already fatigued with long sitting. Please to give my love to Eliza and accept assurance

of the affection and respect of your Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

July 1817

My Dear Mother

I have this morning received your letter and those clothes you were so kind to send me I was glad to find that you were quite well at home. Our Collegiate Course is at length finished and I am at present in the character of a resident undergraduate subject only to the general regulations of the college. Last Saturday the parts were declared when the Government saw fit to reward my merits with the second conference with which I am well satisfied. I thought it well to stay here to write my part and beside I wished to finish a course of reading which I had not before time to compleat. I think I shall stay till next week. Yesterday while I was riding on horseback in company with some classmates I met Uncle & Aunt Gustavus T — They looked in good health and smiled pleasantly but did not offer to stop. On monday I went with Grand papa down to Nahant; Uncles Joseph & Henry with my Aunts and some of the children were of the party we enjoyed the ride — spent our time pleaurably there in walking & fishing and at the end we found Grand papa much improved in his health by the jaunt for he has of late been much afflicted by the loss of appetite which was restored by the sea air.

We there met Mr S Walley and Lady & Mr E. Phillips Mr Walley went for the health of his daughter. From Mr Phillips I learnt that Uncle Salisbury had not returned from Sandwich. I am sorry to say any thing more about pantaloons but I must again ask your attention to the subject Our Class generally and those with whom I have a part in particular have it in contemplation to wear small clothes as it will be necessary or perhaps I should say expected (and indeed it would not look well to be singular) that I should wear them would it not be well to get those instead of pantaloons please to let me know by mail before I go home. You have heard I presume that Bancroft has the second English oration and Perry the first conference. As I shall want to use my room at Commencement I think it will not be advisable to send my books before then.

Please to give my respect to my Dear Father and with love to Cousin I must conclude with assurance of the affection & duty of your Son Stephen Salisbury Jr

Please to tell Papa that when I wrote my last letter I had seen the character of the President in the Papers nor should I have attempted to delineate it if I had thought that he could get it from another source—

Worcester July 1817

My dear Stephen,

Your letter by yesterdays mail is before me. I am sorry you were obliged to write in so great haste, and that my advice was so puzzling to you, you know that it is important that some provision be made for the Accomodation of our friends, and that probably the best rooms will be secur'd before we go down, and for that reason I thought it best that you should enquire & if possible engage such as would answer. but if you cannot effect anything, we must do as well as we can when we get there. as it seems uncertain when you return home, I have sent you a few cloaths, and a pr sheets and Counterpane, which I am sorry I did not send before as your bed-Quilt looks so Shabby. you will send the Quilt, & as many other things as you please.

I will send both Kits. now Answer a few questions, are you writing your part, what is the subject, are you pleas'd with it, and do you think you shall make out well? I am sorry my dear that you do not feel quite well. hope you lie on your matrass, and use ev'ry precaution, such as avoiding damp, and ev'g air &c. but I feel most concern'd about your riding on Horse back, take care not to have a stumbling horse, & ride very slowly.

I do not think you have been very communicative on the Subject of Commencement, & yet you must I think feel much interested. I should like to know how the parts are distributed, and who will make entertainments. write by return of bearer, perhaps you will then be able to say when you can return home. I am very happy to hear that my father is better for his ride to Nahant. give my respects when you see him, as you probably will before you return. Ask him, as from yourself, if he shall be willing to take us all at Commencement time. as to providing a dinner for Comm perhaps it will do to see about that when we go down.

your Affectionate mother,

E Salisbury.

Thursday July 1817

My Dear Mother

I suppose that you have seen my letter by Broth Perry before this and I hope shall recieve an answer to it before this reaches you if you have not yet written I hope you will immed on the receipt of this as it is important that I should know how large a party you think proper to have I think there will be no difficulty in getting college rooms though it will be in vain to attempt to get two in the best building. I have not heard of any very large entertainment like that of Eliot 2 or 3 years ago though I understand there will be many small ones The Class in general seems well satisfied with the distribution of the parts. Winthrop has the first part Bancroft 2ⁿ Cushing 3^d Emerson 4th Bulfinch the Poem. To me is allotted the second conference in company with Emerson 2nd Green 2nd Hart The subject is the effects of

the Peace on the Agriculturist, the mechanick the merchant and the professional man. the last of which it is my business to investigate I propose to treat it in a manner partly historical and partly argumentative giving a view of the history of the country and the principal events of it as they affect the professions and at last show in what way our present situation is peculiarly favourable to an increase of their excellence the subject is a good one but I fear I shall not please my self I have had some books to finish before I wrote my part so that I have hardly thought of it yet. I think I shall remain a fortnight longer You recollect that before I had my part with Prentiss and Wells Now Prentiss has the 4th Conference & Wells the 3^d If you have not answered my last letter, before this you would greatly oblige me by writing a line Please to make my respects to my¹⁶ Dear Father

and believe me ever

Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

¹⁶ COMMENCEMENT

1. A Salutatory Oration in Latin, by *Caleb Cushing*.
2. A Conference, "On the pleasures of the antiquarian, the traveller, the literary recluse, and the man of business" - By *Daniel Heyward Brailsford*, *Samuel Brimblecom*, *Horatio Newhall* and *Henry Prentiss*.
3. An Oration in Hebrew. "The effect of miracles on the character of the Jews" - By *James Diman Green*.
4. A Forensick Disputation. "Whether personal interest in a subject of investigation be favourable to the discovery of truth." By *Micajah Rogers* and *Caleb Reed*.
5. An Oration in French. "The characteristics of Massillon as a pulpit orator." By *Edwin Fay*.
6. An Essay. "On the progress of the exact sciences in France and England." By *Appollos Drayton Bates*.
7. A Conference. "On the beneficial effects of mechanicks, chemistry, astronomy and agriculture." By *Penuel Corbett*, *John Doane Welles*, *Jonathan Holmes Cobb* and *Thomas Thompson*.
8. An Oration in Greek. "On the progress of literature" - By *Thomas Carter*.
9. A Colloquial Discussion, "On the good and bad effects of emulation" - By *Benjamin Fessenden* and *Robert Schuyler*.
10. A Dialogue in Latin verse, "Athens and Rome" - By *Thomas Russell Sullivan* and *Joseph Coolidge*.
11. A Conference, "On the influence of the peace upon the condition of the agriculturist, the manufacturer, the merchant, and the professional man" - By *Moses Kelly Emerson*, *John Orne Green*, *Samuel Hart*, and *Stephen Salisbury*.
12. A Dissertation, "On the causes which independently of their merit, have contributed to elevate the ancient classics" - By *George Emerson*.

Wednesday even 10 oclock

My Dear Mother

I received a letter from you this noon respecting commencement and another this evening and now snatch up my pen to satisfy any anxiety you may have by informing you that all things are in good train and will probably go on smoothly soon as I received your letter I rode into town and went to Uncle Salisbury who refered me to cousin Josiah with whom I arranged the whole matter not only what to have for dinner but how the viands should be disposed I have provided that if it should rain the tables are to be set in Herseys house The invitations are to be sent as soon as prepared the form is determined Cousin Josiah spoke of dating them from Cambridge would not that seem more natural as I shall request an immediate answer It is customary untill the number of the company is ascertained no particular arrangements are to be made Cousin Josiah said it would be as well to pass the compliments to Mr & Mrs May and Several had I better say young ladies I wish to ask your opinion of his Honor W Phillips and lady and Miss P Mr & Mrs Walley Mr T Bigelow & lady and Miss B Mr & Mrs and Miss Thomass and Mrs & Miss Stanton

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13. A Colloquial Discussion, "On the moral influence of the Christian Sabbath." - by *Samuel Atkins Elliot and Samuel Joseph May*.
 14. A Literary Discussion, "On the alleged improvement in the art of composition since the age of Queen Anne," - By *Samuel Edward Sewall and Charles Henry Warren*.
 15. An Oration in Latin, "On the Roman Character and Institutions," - By *Joseph Huntington Jones*.
 16. A Conference, "On the views of life, taken by Democritus, Heraclitus, Diogenes, and Zeno" - By *Edward Augustus Lummus, Jacob Chapin, Baxter Perry and Francis Jenks*.
 17. A Poem in English, "Nature - the source of poetic inspiration." - By *George Storer Bulfinch*.
 18. A Dialogue, "On the uses and abuses of the press" - By *William Seden Hastings and Paul Willard*.
 19. A Forensic Disputation, "Whether the power of eloquence be diminished by the progress of literature and science" - By *David Lee Child and Alva Woods*.
 20. An Oration in English, "On the dignity and utility of the philosophy of the human mind" - By *George Bancroft*.
 21. A Deliberative Discussion, "On the expediency of a national university" - By *Ira Henry Thomas Blanchard and Asa Cummings*.
 22. Compositions in English, - By *Frederick Hobbs, John Phillips Spooner and Robert Folger Walcutt*.
 23. An Oration in English, "The aspect of revolutions on the advancement of the mind" - By *Francis William Winthrop*.

and had not I better include Miss Gardner at Madame Scots
 If you think of any other Please to name them as well as
 give your opinion of those mentioned above I intend to take
 horse for Chelsea when my part is done which I expect will
 be soon perhaps to-night there is not the least need of your
 coming down at present as every thing is fixed Mrs Salis-
 bury senior is indisposed but the rest of the family are well
 as is he who subscribes himself in haste

But with affection and respect

I fear I Your dutiful son Stephen Salisbury Jr
 shall loose
 the Mail shall come up next week.

Thursday Noon

My Dear Mother

this morning I received the clothes you were so good
 to send me the foregoing part of this letter was written
 (to be sent last night by the mail) as soon as I had read your
 letter to relieve your anxiety and alter any intentions you
 might have of coming to Boston it would be to no purpose
 as every thing is in preparation except my part which pro-
 gresses slowly I find it very difficult to say anything to the
 purpose in the short space of 3 minutes I have written a
 good deal which I have to cut down some of it very good
 I assure you, it seems some times very hard to leave a
 brilliant figure for no other fault than being joined to a long
 sentence I have been writing some of it this morning with
 more success than common I shall ride this afternoon
 Please to write your opinion of those persons I have men-
 tioned and any others you may think of as soon as you
 receive this I have secured the bargain and only wait to
 know for how many to order preparations when my part
 is done I shall ride to Chelsea I did think of going to day
 but it is thursday Aunt Salisbury has been threatened
 with a fever but is thought out of danger Little Henry
 Bruse is ill with the billious fever I think it is that is not
 thought he can recover I must conclude

Your dutiful son Stephen Salisbury Jr.

July 13.

My Dear Mother

I will confess that I should not have written by the hands of my Father but that I have a request to make; since from him you can learn all that a letter would communicate more in detail and therefore more to your satisfaction. My request is that (if it is quite convenient) you would procure me something like gingham for a frock coat. You can best judge what is most proper; I thought I should not prefer a plaid. I can have it made here. Eliza tells me you thought of getting me a light hat but concluded deferring it until I went down; as that is not probable at present will you please to procure it and have it sent with the Cloth to W & G Tuckerman, where I shall direct a teamster to call for it wednesday morn. The Coat is of less immediate importance than the hat as I have my old green gown. I should not have troubled you at this time my Dear Mother were it not that I shall probably need these things more just now than any time through the season if it be necessary to line the hat it can be done here. The hat I now wear is $7\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the back of the head to the fore part and $6\frac{4}{10}$ inch across the head. I prefer the wide brim. We are very sorry to learn as we do incidentally from your letter that the burden of nursing Grandpapa devolves on you it will certainly be too much for your health. It is strange it should be so as it can so easily be altered as the exertion of a little persuasion would prevail on Grandpapa to consent to an alteration. I hope this will be effected that you rest yourself from the fatigues of unremitted attention and anxiety. My Father will inform you how all things are here but it is too near dinner for any thing further from your son except the reiterated assurance

of respect & affection

Ste Salisbury Jr

My Dear Father

Monday (Aug 1817)

I have made many trials to obtain rooms for a dinner at Commencement. I have not been successful in finding

even two rooms in College suitably situated and we should want at least four to proceed comfortably. Our family is so large that they with a few persons out of it whom you would think proper to invite would a company of an hundred which is as large a number as you could possibly provide seats for in 2 large College rooms and beside these a drawing room would be necessary for the company to assemble in before, and the ladies to retire to after dinner and another room would be wanted to carry the plates &c when the table is cleared.

Thus you see that four rooms are indispensable but I find I cannot procure four that are convenient. beside in this plan the party would be divided as well as very much crowded I thought therefore before I proceeded further I would mention another project for your consideration which though it is liable to objections is on some accounts preferable. I went to see Mr Hersey to see if he had an hall and he told me that though he had no single hall he would let me have rooms in his house to receive my company and set a table on a green field near the house under a tent and that he would provide such a dinner as I should require for nine shillings a head but I must procure the liquors. Now this plan is preferable to the other as we shall have no care but to give the orders and there will be no trouble about returning the articles I should use as there would if I procured a room and a provider. And there is yet another advantage the company would sit at one table there would not be that division which would be unavoidable in 2 college rooms. To be sure the expence is great but not so great as the expence of having a dinner provided at rooms that I furnish according to the price of Mr Morse who charges as little and commonly less than any body else He says \$2 a head; beside his dinner would probably be inferior to the other The only objection is that it will appear more showy but at the same time it will be vastly more comfortable beside it will save me a great deal of trouble commencement day which will be an object as I shall have enough to fatigue me beside the place where the table will be set is apart from the street and quite out of publick view Such on the whole

are the advantages of Mr Herseys plan and since I cannot get suitable rooms for the other that I think you will prefer to adopt the former Please to send me your answer and the persons you wish to invite and the form of invitation as it is quite time the cards should be given out. If you will please to send me a list I will send the invitations. I have almost done my part and have little more than abbreviate it. Please to write me by the next mail (it is important I should secure that place) if you approve that plan and I see not what else I can do Please my Dear Father to present my respects to my Mother and conclude myself

Your dutiful Son

Stephen Salisbury Jr

Unfortunately the letters do not include the Commencement Day, itself, but we have the invitation, the list of guests invited and many of the replies. The invitation, unlike those of today, read:—

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Salisbury request the honor of company at Dinner, at the Rooms of their Son, at Mr. Hearsey's, in Cambridge, on Commencement Day.

***The favor of an early answer is requested to be left at Mr. Salisbury's in Summer-street, Boston

Worcester, August 1, 1817.

From the replies these have been selected.

With their respectfull acknowledgments to M^r. & M^{rs}. Salisbury; M^r. & M^{rs}. [Levi] Lincoln regret that indispensable avocations must deprive them of the satisfaction of participating personally with M^r. Salisbury & his friends, the pleasures of a commencement which will place on the theatre of the world their promising son

Tues^d, Aug 5th, '17

Mr & Mrs Lincoln Jun^r. present their most respectful acknowledgments to Mr & Mrs Salisbury for their kind, and very gratifying invitation to their Sons Commencement. Mrs Lincoln will be prevented from attending by her domestic engagements. Mr Lincoln with great pleasure, will participate with his Friends, in the enjoyments of the occasion.

Monday Morning

August 4 1817

Mr. J[oseph] Allen respectfully acknowledges the honour done him by Mr. Salisbury & Lady, in their invitation to dine at their Son's rooms on Commencement day. But as Mr Allen is one of the board of overseers of the University he must deny himself that pleasure; but will take an opportunity after dinner to take a glass of wine at their Son's rooms.

M^{rs} Allen has been for some time & still is absent from home. She will not be able to attend Commencement, but will duly appreciate the polite invitation.

Aug^t. 2^d.

The annexed agreement and bills for the dinner have also been preserved.

AGREEMENT WITH JONATHAN HEARSEY
FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AT CAMBRIDGE ON
COMMENCEMENT DAY

Aug. 27, 1817.

Mr Hearsey agrees to provide dinner for 100 persons at \$1.50,—that is the course of meats & that of puddings tarts &c,—to be abundant in quantity & to consist of all the variety, that can be obtained, of choicest dishes.—Every thing to be of the very best quality of its kind.

Mr. Hearsey will provide likewise the cakes of all sorts & all other confectionary & all other articles of whatever description that are needed to make an elegant & tasteful & good dinner in all respects. He will also provide fruit of every variety & in abundance. He will provide especially Oranges & Ice Creams. For all of which he is to be paid

whatever they may cost, he taking all due pains to get them at the lowest prices for the best articles of each kind—& engages to procure the very best articles and no others.

He will provide a tent, convenient & commodious for dinner party, for which he is to be paid in addition.

He will provide Waiters, Cooks, Glass & China Ware of all sorts & in abundance for a genteel dinner & all furniture of every sort & kind at his own cost & expence & risk without any addition to the above charge of \$1.50 each

Mr Salisbury to provide his own liquors, except Bottled Cider which is to be provided by Mr. Hearsey as a part of the two first courses. Mr. Hearsey is to take charge of the liquors & to return whatever may remain after the entertainment is finished.

Mr. Salisbury's company is to have the use exclusively of at least four rooms in Mr. Hearsey's house for drawing rooms.

Mr. Hearsey engages that there shall be nothing wanting to make the dinner elegant & acceptable in all respects, whether expressed or not in this paper.

Expences to Boston

From Aug^t 24 to Sept 11, 1817.

paid at Framingham Eaton Bill of fare	5.49	
paid Hack Hire to Cambridge from Boston Store	9.—	
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		14.79
paid Dennies Bill for Liquors	79.00	
paid Copenhagen Bill of Cake &c.	97.00	
paid Stephen 4 th Quarter Bill	63.25	
p ^d Codocil to the 4 Q ^{trly} Bill to Aug ^t 27	34.62	
p ^d Professor Farrer for Room Rent & to y ^e		
29 Aug ^t	49.47	
p ^d Mary Bell for board to 28 Aug ^t	12.21	
paid Hearsey Bill for Entertainment	228.47	564.02
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paid 5 Tolls 50 C ^{ts}	2.50	
paid Expences to Nahant	6.00	

paid for a Box & packing	1.50	
paid Russell & Cutler Card Bill	5.00	
paid White for Medicine	.67	15.67
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dld Cash \$60. d° d° at Boston \$100	160.—	
Sept 13 Cash dld d° \$7.00	7.—	167.00
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paid I. Parker Bill of Fare for Dinner & horses	2.44	
paid John Cleveland for Wrapper & Rope	5.00	
paid for 4 Matts	1.00	
paid at Eaton Bill of fare	7.90	
paid the Tolls up & down & Horses	2.50	18.84
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	\$765.53	
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brot down	14.49	780.02
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Mr Stephen Salisbury to Jonathan Hearsey D^r.

1817	}	To 100 Dinners	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$150.
Aug 27		" 20 Doz. Lemmons	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.
		" 10 lb Almonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.
		" 1 Box raisins	.	-	-	-	-	-	4.75
		" 100 Cigars	.	.	-	-	-	-	2.
		" 12 lb Figs	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.
		" Pears & Apples	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.25
		" Plumbs & currants	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25
		" 10 Mellons	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.
		" 3 Doz. Oranges	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.38
		" 2 lb S. Candles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
		" 1 Loaf Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50
		" two kinds cake	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
		" hire of 8 fruit baskets of M Farnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.
		" D° green baze	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.38
		" Man waggon bringing up Liquors	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50
		" keeping 5 Horses	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50
		" D° 2 Horses	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
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									\$208.51

To Lumber for the Tent - - - - -	23.54
“ Labour & nails - - - - -	14.90
“ to hire of 4 Sails . - - - -	4.
“ Man horse & waggon twice to Boston to fetch & carry the sails - -	4.50
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to ice - - - - -	1.
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	\$256.45
Deduct am ^t of Bill of Tent &c returned - - -	27.98
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	\$228.47

Recd Pay in full Sep 2, 1817

Jonathan Hearsey

August 27 - 1817

Mr S Salisbury

to A W Coppenhagn

5 pink Cakes 6 lb each 3/6	17.50
ornementing do do 3.50	17.50
5 plumb Cakes 10 lb each 3/	25.00
ornementing do do 4 Dol	20.00
4 1 Quart Molds of ice cream	8.00
3 do do in Glasses	6.00
Expencc of Caning do	3.00
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	\$97.00

Recd paym

A W Coppenhagen

Messrs S. & S. Salisbury	}	Boston Augt, 25 1817
Bot of Thomas Dennie & Son		
3 Doz Madeira Wine - @12/		36.00
3 Doz. Porter - - - @4/	- - -	12.00
2 Doz. Claret Wine. - - 8/	- - -	16.00
½ Doz Port do - - -	- - -	4.00

2 Galls Brandy	-	-	-	18/	-	-	-	6.00	
2 Galls Jamaica Spirit	-	10/6	-	-	-	-	-	3.50	
2 Bbls @1/6	2 Jugs @3/	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	\$79.00

Recd payment in full
Thomas Dennie & Son

Stephen Salisbury to the PRESIDENT & FELLOWS of
Harvard College, Dr.

To a Codocil to his fourth Quarter Bill, ending June 26, 1817.

Commons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$16.20
Sizings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.30
Medical Instruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.
Natural History	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Repairs and Sand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assessments for delinquency in payment of											
Quarter Bills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Theses and Orders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.12
Fines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Degree and Diploma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.00
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